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SUBJ: U.S. SCHOOL TO TRAIN IRAQI PILOTS

1. USINT HAS LEARNED THAT MR. GHAZI SABRI AL-SAFI, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR PLANT PROTECTION, GOI MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND AGRARIAN REFORM (MINAG) WILL FLY TO OAKLAND IN EARLY FEBRUARY TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH SIERRA ACADEMY AERONAUTICS (SAA) TO PROVIDE BASIC FLYING TRAINING TO 25 IRAQI HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES. THESE WILL LATER FLY FOR MINAG IN CROP-PROTECTION PROGRAMS.

2. SAA WAS SELECTED FROM AMONG NUMEROUS SCHOOLS CONSIDERED BY MINISTRY AND ON BASIS FIRM RECOMMENDATION CHIEF PILOT IRAQI AIRWAYS. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT (NEA/ARN) TELEPHONE SAA PRESIDENT N.N EVERETT (415-563-6100) AND CONGRADULATE HIM ON UNCLASSIFIED

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HIS SUCCESS.

3. COMMENT: SAA CONTRACT, COMING AFTER MASSIVE BOEING SALES AND TRAINING CONTRACTS WITH IRAQI AIRWAYS AND SPARTEN SCHOOL OF AERONAUTICS AGREEMENT TO TRAIN 350 IRAQIS IN AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING (INCLUDING FIVE FROM MINAG), MAKES MODEST ADDITION TO LIST OF US INPUTS (ALL SINCE SUMMER OF 1973) INTO THIS KEY SECTOR OF IRAQI ECONOMY. US FIRMS ARE IN CONTENTION, IN ADDITION, FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR AIRPORT TERMINALS IN IRAQ AND ARE ATTEMPTING TO MAKE SALES OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT RELATED TO AVIATION.
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